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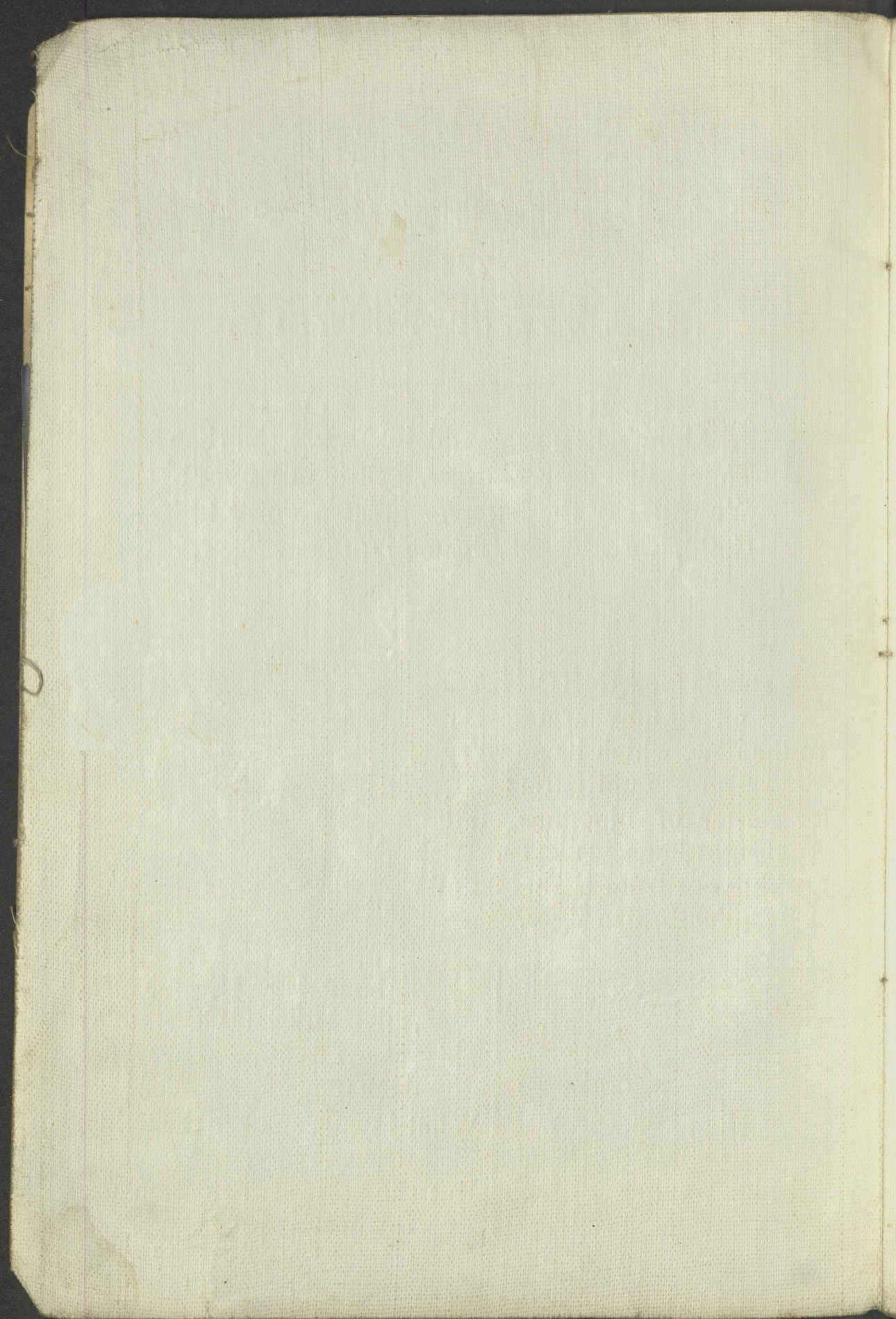
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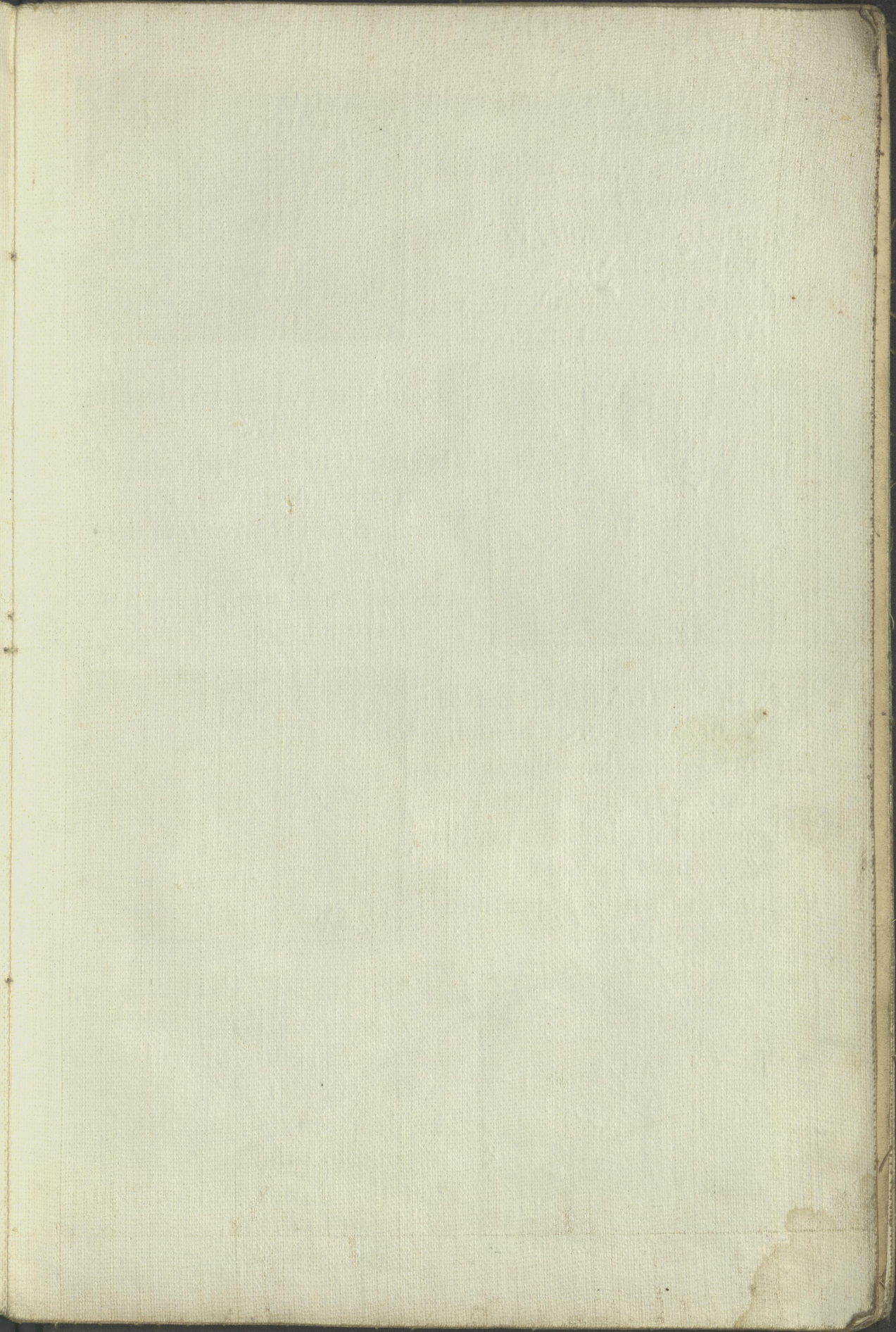
TRY, Alphabet, now,—and just spare the time
To mention dear Flowers, a little in rhyme;
We will, say the letters,—great A down to Z—
Child, we are glad it came into your head.

A stands for AURICULA—
owing no charm
To the dew, which its powd'ry
vesture would harm:
Its cluster of blossoms, like
bright laughing eyes,
Looking out from the midst of
golden-brown dyes.



Bouncing B, for the
BUTTERCUP stands:
This smart yellow flower be-
decks meadow lands;
What joy to run over the fields,
when so gay,—
But the most always seem the
furthest away.





C is the CROCUS, on bright
frosty day,

Just peeping to ask us if win-
ter's away :

No, no, little flower, it is not
quite spring ;

But stay, now you're here, you
venturesome thing.



D is the DAHLIA, dashing
and tall :

Its shape, to be good, must be
round, like a ball ;

The best tint it wears, is deep-
est of dye,

And taste also says, it may not
have an eye.

E the EGLANTINE-Rose
or Sweet-briar bloom,

An ornament is,—the green
leaves yield perfume :

This plant thus informs us, that
goodness may be

Combined with appearanoes
modest to see.

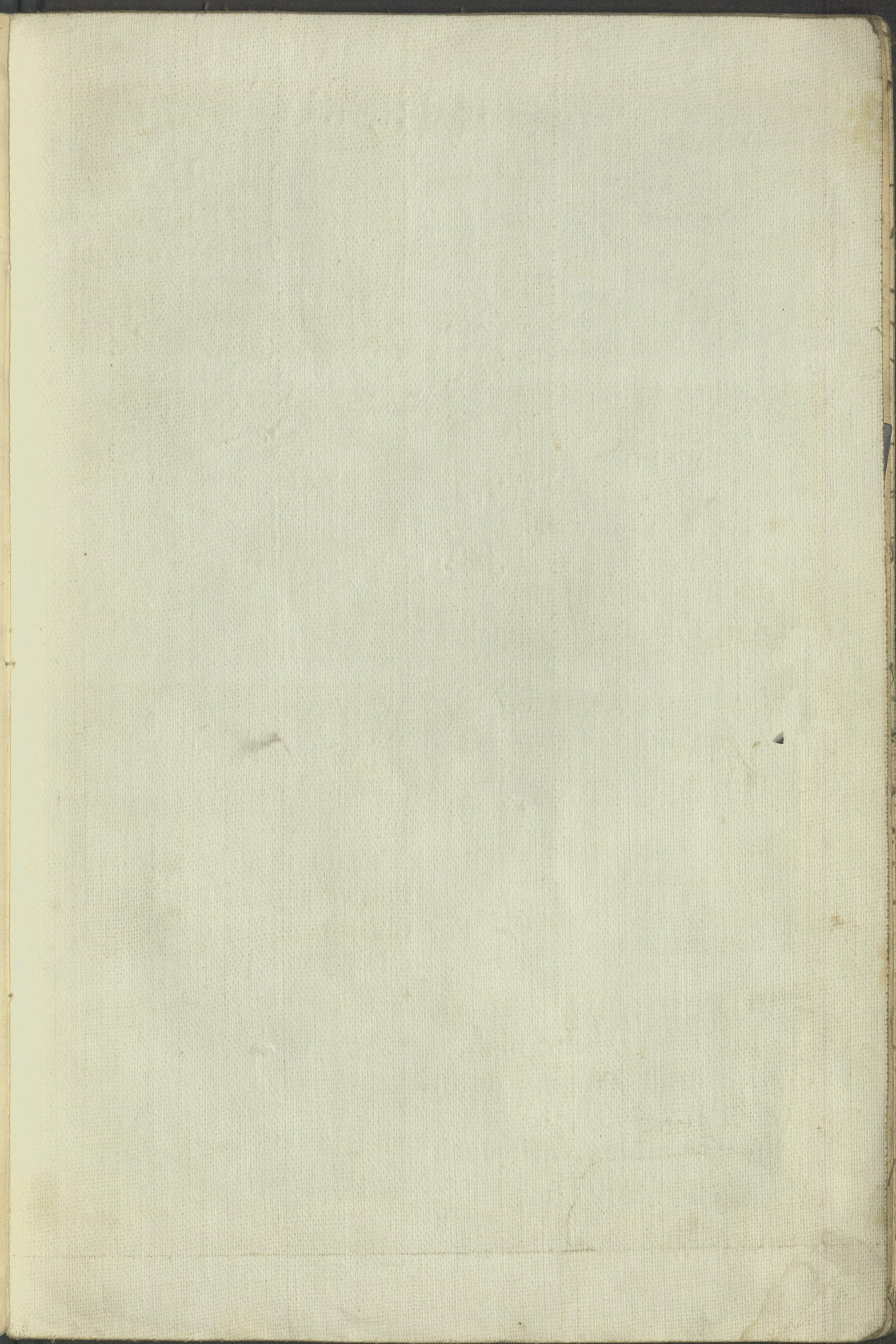


F for the FUSCHIA,—see,
a rich crimson bell ;—

Sure it sips ruddy wine at some
fairy well :

The drops at its mouth incline
one to think,

That the flower had only just
been to drink.





Gin spelling GERANIUM,
takes the first place;
'Tis a name that belongs to a
numerous race:
And oak-leafed, or other, we're
sure to see one
At each cottage window, re-
ceiving the sun.

H brings in the HEART'S-
EASE,—welcome dear
flower;

May ease of the heart ne'er be
absent an hour

From the child that reads this:
the blossom imparts

That duty to parents e'er makes
happy hearts.



Is the IRIS,—call it Flow-
er-de-luce:

The common name, Flag, is
only abuse.

Look 'neath the three leaves
that careful guard keep,

For those bending down just
allow you a peep.

JONQUIL begins,—yel-
low flower,—not high,
Yet with head hanging down
as if it were shy:

Two relations it has, each much
like the other,—

Daffodil, cousin; Narcissus, a
brother.





K stands for KEY, to lock
wealth up in store :
Yet, SESAME spoken, once
opened a door,
Where forty thieves hid, in a
cave, all their gold,
So the flower of Sesame here
you behold.

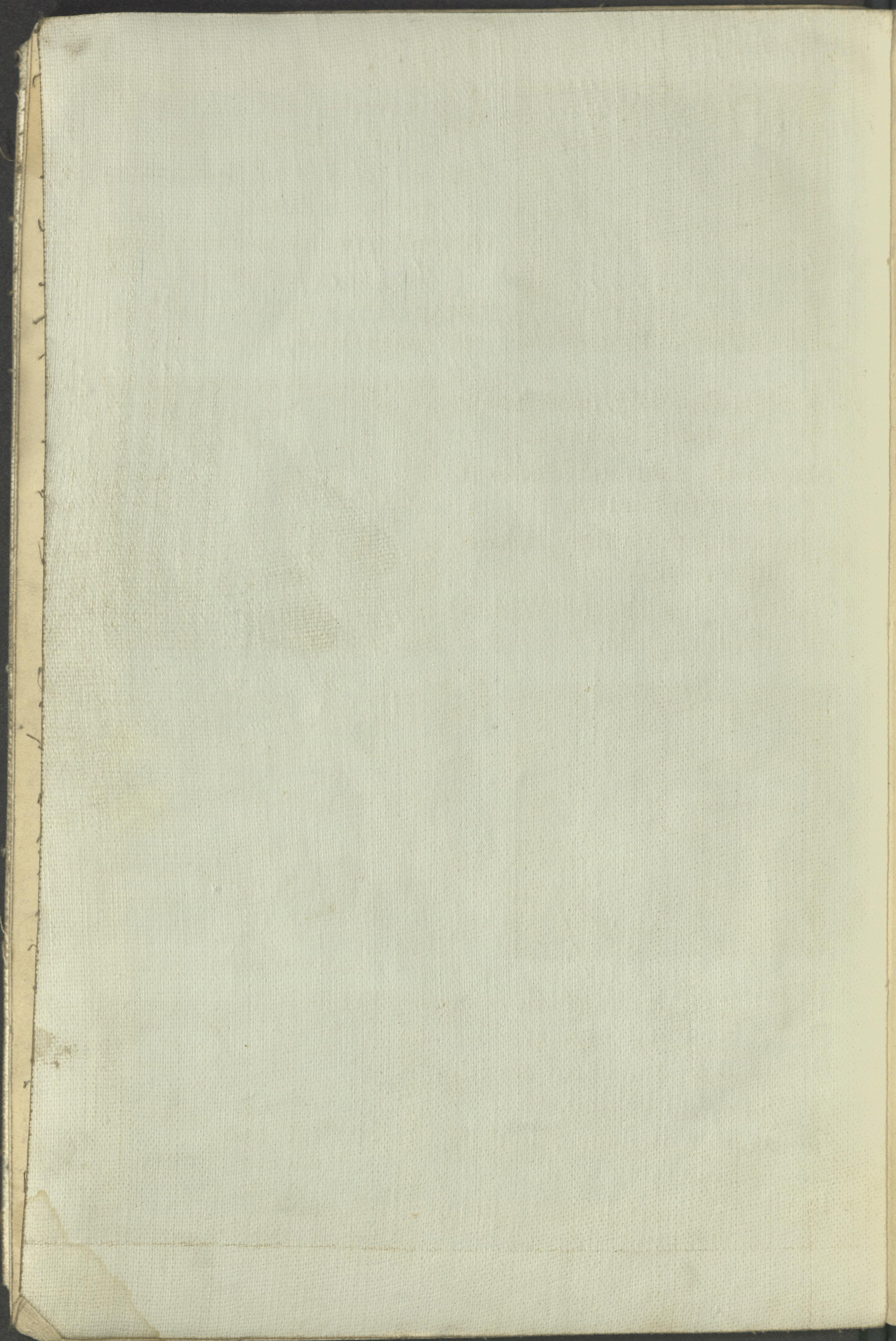
L loves the LILY; we twice
find it here,
To spell the short name of that
flower so fair :
The one of the valley is here
to be seen,
Consent being had of White-
lily, the queen.



M is the MARIGOLD,
children's own prize;
Not first in the garden, yet first
in their eyes ;
If colour might guide, such bril-
liance would show,
California is where Marigolds
grow.

N the NASTURTIUM—a
beau of its kind ;
Dress—orange and brown, with
a pig-tail behind,
I ne'er saw it dance, but its
good-looking seed,
In vinegar steeped, make sham
capers, at need.







O is the ORANGE FLOWER; known it is well
To the children of Spain, who
truly could tell
How warm suns and rich dews
the trees nourish so,
That, the fruit nearly ripe, fresh
blossoms will grow.

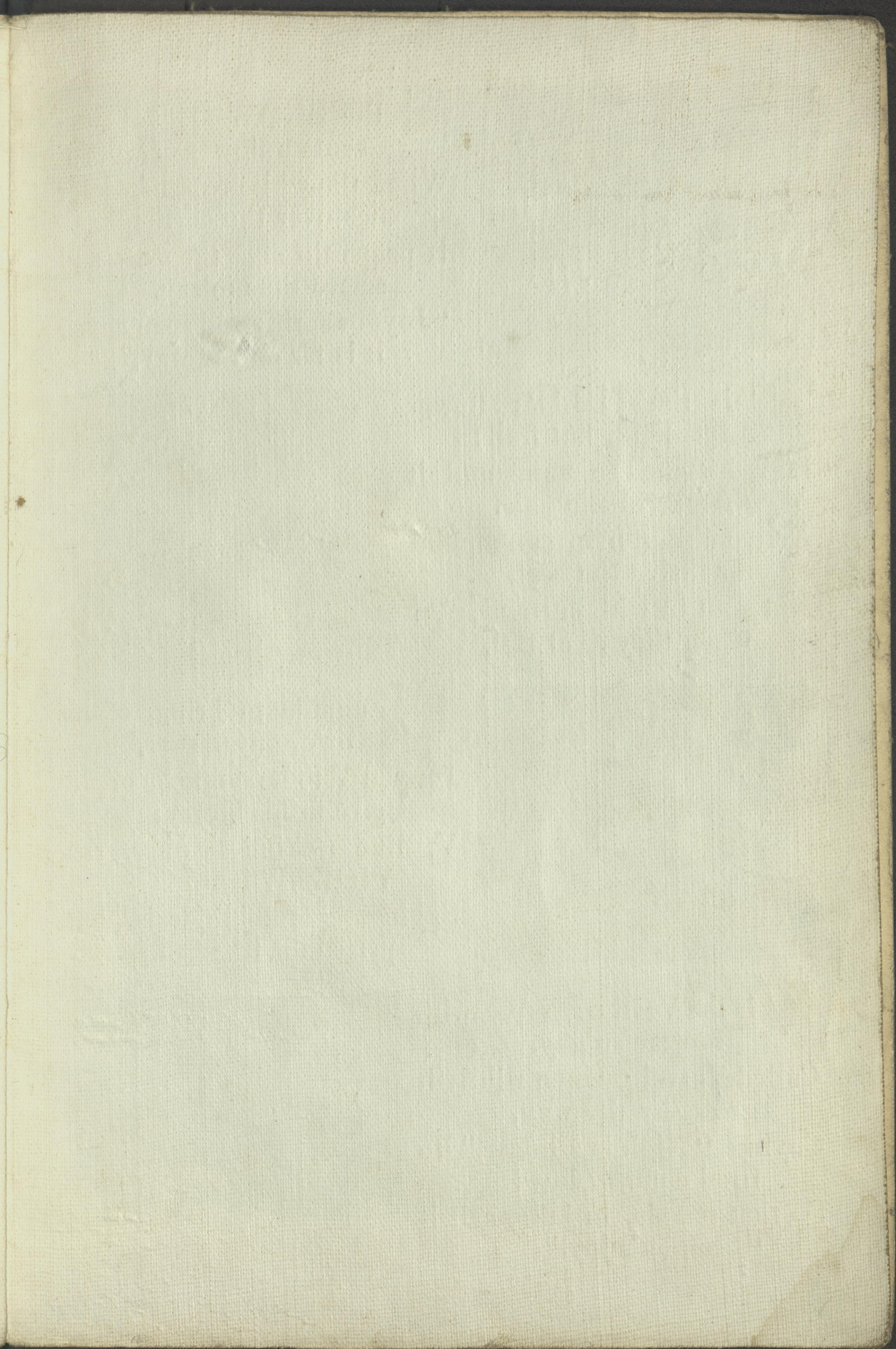
P for the PINK, with choice
scent of its own;
See how from the bud it spreads,
when full blown,
Displays its notched leaves,
like overlaid frill,
Gathered in at the centre, with
delicate skill.



Q asks the QUESTION,
why flowers delight?
The BOUQUET seen here,
prompts an answer that's
right:
They are gems the Almighty
designed we should love:
They are stars strewn on earth,
like those spread above.

R stands for ROSE, old
England's flower,
Prized-one of palace, of cot-
tage, and bower;
It scents the free air, wherever
it grows:
Other flowers smell sweet, but
none like the Rose.







S the SNOW-DROP presents a flower of worth,
When the white robe of winter
lies over the earth;
It peeps through the snow and
seems thus to say,
“Joyous spring will soon come,
it is far on the way.”

T is the TULIP; flower
brilliant, but frail;
It fades in the sun, and it
shrinks in the gale.
Active children in sun and in
air thrive the best,
Not shut in with curtains, e’en
when they’re at rest.



U nable to bring, of its
own, any flower,
Prayed V to lend one he might
have in his bower;
V, like a kind brother, the
VIOLET, lent,
Saying, “Humble it is, but
prized for its scent.”

V is the VERBENA,—with
flowers so gay,
Called Vervain, when wildly it
grows by the way,
Saying “Nigh is a house,” to
tired country boy;
So that people, in joke, call it
“Simpler’s joy.”



W here, for the WALL-
 FLOWER see,
 And well it is known by us
 and the bee;
 The air loves to linger among
 such rich leaves,
 And spreads wide around the
 perfume it receives.



X, Y and Z, all
 spoke with one voice,—
 Y, rather the loudest so he
 had his choice;
 Said he, “**YELLOW LILY**’s
 the flower for me,”
 And to this, like good neigh-
 bours they all did agree.



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